



California State Legislature
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House of Origin Deadline Approaches in Assembly

As we approach the end of the month the Assembly faces its first major deadline. January 31st marks the last day for any bill introduced in the Assembly in 2013 to be passed off the Floor; otherwise it is procedurally stalled and unable to be considered for future votes. The House of Origin deadline ensures the Assembly stays on track within the legislative calendar as prescribed by the Chief Clerk.

Unfortunately, during the current two-year bill cycle, my bill Assembly Bill 40 (AB) along with other valuable legislation was killed. AB 40 addressed concerns regarding poor oversight and lack of medical treatment at rehabilitation facilities. AB 40 would have enhanced oversight and quality of care at rehabilitation facilities across the state. Sadly, the bill unjustly died in committee and cannot be reintroduced this year with the exact same language. I am working on new legislation with members of the community who have expressed an interest in resolving this issue.

At the same time that good bills are dying, bad, hostile to business, and job-killing bills are routinely passing through committees; passing off the Assembly floor and ending up on the desk of the Governor. Below are a few examples of the legislation being considered in the last days before the deadline:

- **AB 966:** This bill would address condom availability to California's prisoners. In the face of realignment and our current prison capacity crises, this is not the type of public safety "reform" Sacramento should be addressing right now.
- **AB 976:** This bill would alter how the unelected California Coastal Commission imposes civil penalties for violations- giving them the power to fine between \$750-11,250 per day! California's coast is a precious natural resource and I support maintaining our beautiful beaches- but this is an overbearing money grab at the expense of our local communities, municipalities and businesses.
- **AB 158:** This bill proposes an outright ban on a store's ability to provide plastic bags to consumers. Furthermore, it requires stores to charge customers for each recycled paper bag it provides and contains a fee increase for California's businesses that manufacture reusable bags. California needs to stop placing onerous regulations on businesses that are already struggling to provide jobs!

These onerous examples are but a few of the proposals that are not beneficial to California; they increase the challenges our businesses and local governments are facing.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are always happy to assist the people of the 74th Assembly district in any way we can.